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Re: Governor's Bill No 36 AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S
RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Dear Sirs,

Pain Management is a complicated specialty, requiring years of training to fully understand the interactions of various medications, and to fully understand not only the physical but also psychological aspect of pain conditions.

Allowing CRNA and APRNs to act independently will put patients at risk.

The medications that are typically prescribed are controlled substances, many of which trained primary care or even orthopedists do not want to prescribe due to their high risk of dependency. In addition, many of the procedures that are performed by trained pain physicians are high risk and if not done correctly, can result in permanent nerve damage.

Sincerely,

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